



States Greffe

Deputy Inna Gardiner
Minister for Children and Education

BY EMAIL

27th September 2022

Dear Minister,

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel: Student Finance and university grant confirmations

I am contacting you on behalf of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel who have received reports from members of the public that there have been delays in receiving confirmation of higher education funding grants from Student Finance, for courses due to start in September / October 2022. The Panel is keen to gain an understanding of the current situation affecting students with pending Student Finance applications.

I understand this is a demanding time, and I thank you in advance for taking the time to address the questions that follow.

1. How many university / higher education students have received confirmation of their funding from Student Finance for the academic year 2022/23?
 - a. If possible, please could you outline the average turnaround time for the first-year applications, once confirmation of exam results and the university offer letter has been received by Student Finance?
 - b. Please could you outline the turnaround time for any subsequent year (i.e. second / third year) applications, once the annual income statement has been received by Student Finance?
2. How many university / higher education Student Finance applications are still to be processed for the academic year 2022/23? If possible, please provide a breakdown between i) first year students / applications and ii) applications for subsequent academic years.
3. At present, the timescale indicated on the relevant Student Finance page of gov.je indicates that *Student, parents and uni/college are notified of what funding they will receive in "Summer"*. Would you consider to committing to a more specific timescale for the grant confirmations next year?

The Panel looks forward to your response and would request this is received by 4th October 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

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